Establishment of schools for equal opportunity

†5. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the statement of Deputy Chairman of National Knowledge Commission in which it has been stated that in the next 10-15 years, if four lakh additional schools are started, everybody can get an opportunity;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that a scheme has been formulated to implement this proposal; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. However, a concept note on universalisation of access to and improvement of quality of secondary education has been prepared and sent to the Planning Commission.

Non-essentiality of NET for lecturership

†6. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the University Grants Commission has decided to do away with the essentiality of the compulsory National Eligibility Test (NET) for filling up the vacant posts of Lecturers in the Universities;

(b) whether a delegation of academicians met the Prime Minister and the Human Resource Development Minister in this matter;

(c) if so, whether any position steps have been taken by Government after this meeting; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) As per the University Grants Commission (Minimum qualifications required for the appointment and career advancement of Teachers in universities and institutions affiliated to it) (Second Amendment Regulations, 2006) dated 14.6.2006, National Eligibility Test (NET) shall remain the compulsory requirement for appointment as Lecturer for those with post-graduate degree. However, candidates having Ph.D. degree in the concerned subject are exempted from NET for Post Graduate level and Under Graduate level teaching. The candidates having M.Phil degree in the concerned subject are exempted from NET for UG level teaching only. These Regulations have been framed on the basis of recommendations of an Expert Committee.

(b) As per available information, no such meeting has been organized specifically in regard to the NET.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Differential Fee Structure

7. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be plaesed to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to introduce a differential fee structure to suit the paying capacity of every student;

(b) whether Government has received any recommendations in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is a fact that it would not be prudent to charge the same fee from all students irrespective of their socio-economic status?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) Article 15 (5) of the Constitution inserted through the Constitution (93rd Amendment) Act, 2005, enables appropriate laws to be made for the advancement of the weaker sections in matters of admission to all educational institutions, including private unaided professional educational institutions, except minority institutions. Some of the States have enacted laws to regulate fee in educational institution, including private unaided educational institutions. A proposal in this regard is under the consideration of the